

## YELLOWSTONE RIVER STATE PARK AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

This combination State Park/Wildlife Management area consists of over 4,000 acres along the north shore of the Yellowstone River and includes nearly 5 miles of river shoreline. A campground is being developed; expected opening is 2011.



Robert Gibson/FWP photo

28 miles east of Billings on I-94, exit 23. Highway 312 west, north on Bundy Road, then west onto Bozeman Trail. (Lat 45.998, Lng -108.089) Phone (406) 247-2940.



## MARIAS RIVER STATE PARK AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Straddling a 17-mile stretch of the Marias River, this pristine and scenic river valley offers important natural and cultural resources. Limited road access and parking is available at the northwest corner of this new site. The development of boat camps for river floaters is planned for summer 2010.

Southwest of Shelby. Entrance is 2.5 miles from junction of Hjartson Road and McCormick Road. (Lat 48.444, Lng -111.97) Phone (406) 454-5840.



BACK  
COUNTRY

## NORTH SHORE STATE PARK AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Nestled on magnificent Flathead Lake, this State Park/Wildlife Management Area (WMA) shares a border with the Flathead Lake Waterfowl Production area. The WMA is closed each year from March 1 through July 15 while birds are nesting. Future development calls for a campground, which will be open year-round.

On Montana Hwy 82 3.6 miles east of US 93 near Somers and 3.2 miles west of US 35 near Bigfork. (Lat 48.095, Lng -114.153) Phone (406) 752-5501.



## WATER-BASED RECREATION SITES

For those who like their fun with a little water, Montana State Parks are just the place. We offer great sites for fishing, swimming, water skiing, boating and more. For more detailed information on rules and regulations, please see our Web site at [fwp.mt.gov/parks](http://fwp.mt.gov/parks).

### ACKLEY LAKE

Nestled in rich grassland with beautiful mountain views, Ackley Lake offers a variety of year-round water sports opportunities. Motorized boating and water-skiing permitted. Popular for rainbow trout fishing.

17 miles west of Lewistown on U.S. 87 to Hobson, then 5 miles south on Hwy 400, then 2 miles southwest on county road. (Lat 46.957, Lng -109.943) Phone (406) 454-5840.



### BEAVERTAIL HILL

A one-mile disabled-accessible self-guided nature trail points out many of the natural features of the riparian zone in which the park is located. In addition to RV and tent camping, this park also features the opportunity to rent a full-size tipi for the night.

Located 26 miles southeast of Missoula on I-90 to Beavertail Hill exit 130, then .25 mile south on county road. (Lat 46.719, Lng -113.574) Phone (406) 542-5500.



### BIG ARM (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

Explore the nature trail, hiking/horseback trail and mountain bike trail on this 217-acre park. This is a popular spot for swimmers, sunbathers and Canada geese watchers.

14 miles north of Polson on U.S. 93 on the west shore.  
(Lat 47.811, Lng-114.312) Phone (406) 752-5501.



### BLACK SANDY (ON HAUSER LAKE)

On the shore of beautiful Hauser Lake, this recreational area offers camping, swimming, year-round fishing, boating and hiking.

7 miles north of Helena on I-15, then 4 miles east on Secondary 453, then 3 miles north on county road.  
(Lat 46.749, Lng-111.888) Phone (406) 495-3260.



### COONEY

Enjoy year-round activities at this popular recreation area. Five campgrounds, boating, swimming and fishing are popular in the spring, summer and fall. Ice fishing, cross-country skiing and ice skating can be enjoyed in winter.

22 miles southwest of Laurel on U.S. 212, then 8 miles west of Boyd on county road. Or, south of Columbus 4 miles to Shane Creek Road, 14 miles east.  
(Lat 45.441, Lng-109.228) Phone (406) 445-2326.



Linda Meredith photo

### FINLEY POINT (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

This secluded campground is located in a mature conifer forest near the south end of the lake. Boat slips at the 16-slip marina may be rented nightly to moor boats or for an on-board camping experience. Features 12 RV sites and four boat slips with electrical service and water hookups.

11 miles north of Polson on MT 35, then 4 miles west on county road. (Lat 47.755, Lng-114.085)  
Phone (406) 752-5501.



### FRENCHTOWN POND

This man-made lake is great for swimming, fishing, non-motorized boating, picnicking and more. Playground facilities and reservable group shelters are available. Sportfish include largemouth bass, black bullheads, yellow perch and pumpkin seeds.

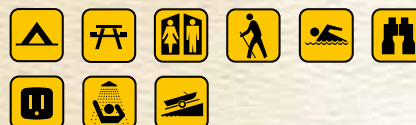
15 miles west of Missoula on I-90 at Frenchtown Exit 89, then 1 mile west on Frontage Rd.  
(Lat 47.024, Lng-114.258) Phone (406) 542-5500.



### HELL CREEK (ON FORT PECK RESERVOIR)

Offering public access on the south shore of the Fort Peck Reservoir, Hell Creek's amenities include a full-service marina and store, fish cleaning station and playground. Motels and rental cabins are available through [www.hellcreekmarina.com](http://www.hellcreekmarina.com) or by calling (406) 557-2345.

25 miles north of Jordan on county road. Inquire locally about road conditions. (Lat 47.615, Lng-106.886)  
Phone (406) 234-0900.





### BRUSH LAKE

This mile-long lake is ideal for swimming, wildlife viewing, motorized boating and water skiing. Due to the mineral make-up of Brush Lake, there are no fish. Northeast portion of the lake includes a day-use area. A new campground is scheduled to open late summer 2010.

31 miles southeast of Plentywood. Off state Hwy 16, go east on Hwy 258 (East Reserve Highway) for 16.5 miles, turn south on Brush Lake county road, go 1 mile.  
(Lat 48.603, Lng-104.113) Phone (406) 228-3700.



### LAKE ELMO

Enjoy the pleasures of a lake setting—without leaving the city. Open year-round, Elmo offers an abundance of recreational opportunities, including swimming, fishing, non-motorized boating, hiking, a dog park and more.

In Billings, Main St. (U.S. 87) north to Pemberton Lane, then .5 mile west. (Lat 45.839, Lng-108.477)  
Phone (406) 247-2940.



### LAKE MARY RONAN

Seven miles west of Flathead Lake, nestled between the Salish and Mission mountain ranges, this shady park is a great place to camp and swim. The lake is stocked with salmon, trout, bass and perch.

U.S. 93 at Dayton, then 7 miles northwest.  
(Lat 47.927, Lng-114.383) Phone (406) 752-5501.



### LOGAN (ON MIDDLE THOMPSON LAKE)

A comfortable spot for spectacular fishing as well as picnicking, swimming, boating, camping and water skiing, Logan is nestled in a mature forest on the banks of the Middle Thompson Lake.

45 miles west of Kalispell on U.S. 2.  
(Lat 48.033, Lng-115.067) Phone (406) 752-5501.



### PAINTED ROCKS

Surrounded by the Bitterroot Range which rises to an elevation of 10,700 feet, this park offers several recreational opportunities. Open year-round, activities include snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, wildlife viewing, camping, hiking, boating and fishing.

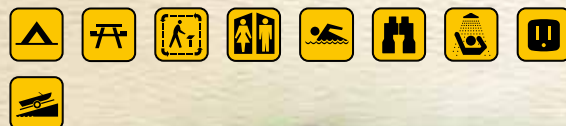
17 miles south of Hamilton on U.S. 93, then 23 miles SW on route 473. (Lat 45.682, Lng-114.302)  
Phone (406) 542-5500.



### PLACID LAKE

This park provides a peaceful escape where visitors can participate in many lake-related activities. It also features accessible viewing of many species of birds such as Red-necked Grebes, waterfowl, ospreys and Common Loons.

Take Hwy 83 about 10 miles north of Hwy 200, then follow the signs to the park, which is 3 miles west of the highway. (Lat 47.12, Lng-113.503) Phone (406) 542-5500.



## SALMON LAKE

This woodland setting of western larch, ponderosa pine and Douglas fir is perfect for fishing, canoeing, water skiing and boating.

On Hwy 83 about 7 miles south of Seeley Lake.  
(Lat 47.094, Lng-113.399) Phone (406) 542-5500.



## SPRING MEADOW LAKE\*

Fed by natural springs, this is a popular recreation area for the whole family. It provides opportunities for swimming, fishing, non-motorized boating, scuba diving and picnicking.

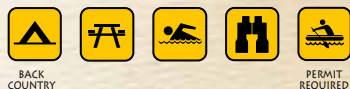
Close to downtown Helena, Hwy. 12 West (Euclid St.), then Joslyn St. north to Country Club Ave.  
(Lat 46.611, Lng-112.076) Phone (406) 495-3260.



## SMITH RIVER

Permits are required to float this 59-mile stretch of the Smith River between Camp Baker and Eden Bridge. Noted for its scenery and red ribbon trout fishery, the Smith River has only one public put-in and one public take-out for the entire 59 miles.

16 miles northwest of White Sulphur Springs on secondary 360, then 10 miles north on county road.  
(Lat 46.8, Lng-111.18) Phone (406) 454-5840.



BACK  
COUNTRY

PERMIT  
REQUIRED



*Jeff Erickson photo*

## THOMPSON FALLS (ON CLARK FORK RIVER)

Located on the banks of the scenic Clark Fork River, Thompson Falls is a great place to camp, walk, fish for trout and smallmouth bass. Park also features a boat launch, picnic tables, 17 campsites and reservable covered shelters.

1 mile northwest of Thompson Falls on MT 200.  
(Lat 47.616, Lng-115.389) Phone (406) 752-5501.



## TONGUE RIVER RESERVOIR

Boating, fishing and other water sports are popular on this 12-mile long reservoir on the Tongue River. Services at the site include fuel, boat rental, fish cleaning station, groceries and more.

Northeast of Sheridan, WY, 6 miles north of Decker, MT, on Secondary 314, then 1 mile east on county road.  
(Lat 45.11, Lng-106.78) Phone (406) 234-0900.



## WAYFARERS (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

Set in a mature forest, Wayfarers is a popular stop for visitors who enjoy nature walks with excellent views. This park includes a campground, beach, boat launch, picnic areas, wooded hiking trails and more.

.5 miles south of Bigfork on MT 35 on the east shore.  
(Lat 48.054, Lng-114.081) Phone (406) 752-5501.

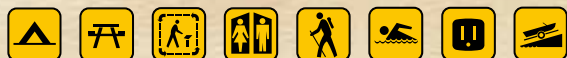




### WEST SHORE (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

This park's glacially carved rock outcrops offer spectacular views of Flathead Lake and the Mission and Swan Mountain Ranges. Facilities include 26 campsites, hiking trails, potable water and a boat ramp. Fishing for lake trout can be excellent here.

20 miles south of Kalispell on U.S. 93.  
(Lat 47.951, Lng-114.187) Phone (406) 752-5501.



### WHITEFISH LAKE

Along the shore of beautiful Whitefish Lake, this 10-acre park provides a pleasant campground, mature forest and a beach. Boating, swimming, fishing and water skiing are popular activities here.

1 mile west of Whitefish on U.S. 93, then 1 mile north.  
(Lat 48.425, Lng-114.371) Phone (406) 752-5501.



### YELLOW BAY (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

This park features four walk-in tent camping spots and a wide beach for swimming, scuba diving, boating, fishing and bird watching.

15 miles north of Polson on MT 35 on the east shore.



### LES MASON (ON WHITEFISH LAKE)

This wooded area on the east shore of Whitefish Lake provides access to cool, clear waters along a stretch of smooth cobble beach. Shaded picnic tables, great swimming, and a spot to launch canoes and kayaks all make this an ideal day-use park.

1.3 miles north of Big Mountain turnoff on East Lakeshore Drive in Whitefish.  
(Lat 48.455, Lng-114.369) Phone (406) 752-5501.



**MONTANA STATE PARKS IS PROUD  
TO BE A PARTNER IN THE LEAVE NO  
TRACE CENTER FOR OUTDOOR ETHICS.**

**PLEASE PRACTICE THESE PRINCIPLES WHEN  
RECREATING IN OUR GREAT OUTDOORS.**

Plan Ahead and Prepare

Travel and Camp  
on Durable Surfaces

Dispose of Waste Properly

Leave What You Find

Minimize Campfire Impacts

Respect Wildlife

Be Considerate  
of Other Visitors

[www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)

